

Section 1: Geography and History
The Beginnings of Human Society

Section Quiz

A. Key Terms

Directions: *Fill in the Blank with the correct term.*

1. _____ is the recorded, or written, events of people
2. The time before writing was invented is known as _____.
3. Someone who uses clues from the past such as bones and tools to learn about the past is a(n) _____.
4. _____ are stories past down by word of mouth.
5. _____ is the study of the earth and it's features.

B. Main Ideas

Directions: *Write the letter of the correct answer in each blank.*

- _____ 6. About 5,000 years ago, history began when
 - a.the Nile started to flood its banks.
 - b. the Iceman climbed the Alps.
 - c.people developed a system of writing.
 - d. people learned to make copper.
- _____ 7. To learn about life in prehistoric times, scientists use
 - a.oral traditions of ancient civilizations.
 - b. objects such as bones and tools.
 - c.early writings found on clothing and tools.
 - d. powerful computers to translate ancient writings.
- _____ 8. If scientists find only large spear points in a prehistoric camp, they know that the people who lived there
 - a.hunted small birds.
 - b.grew their own food.
 - c.hunted large animals.
 - d.had an oral tradition.
- _____ 9. Historians use oral traditions to
 - a.describe their research.
 - b.learn what people in a society consider important.
 - c.examine the geography of a civilization.
 - d.determine the date of objects.
- _____ 10. Egyptian civilization developed on the banks of the Nile because
 - a.the sunshine in Africa allowed life to flourish.
 - b.the river flooded each year, depositing rich soil on its banks.
 - c.the river connected to the Mediterranean Sea.
 - d.people were growing crops in the surrounding desert